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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

COMMISSION SUNSET REVIEW DATE EXTENSIONS (All SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Requesting approval to extend the sunset review dates for nine Los Angeles County Commissions and ratify their activities to date.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1) Approve extending the sunset review dates for nine Los Angeles County Commissions and ratify their activities to date.
- 2) Approve for introduction the accompanying ordinance (Attachment A) amending section 3.64.140 of the Los Angeles County Code to establish a new sunset review date, of September 1, 2009, for the Commission for Women.
- 3) Approve for introduction the accompanying ordinance (Attachment B) amending section 3.34.080 of the Los Angeles County Code to establish a new sunset review date, of September 1, 2009, for the Commission on Judicial Procedures.
- 4) Approve a new sunset review date, of September 1, 2009, for the Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Services and direct the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors to revise related documentation under the control of the County of Los Angeles to reflect the new sunset review date.

- 5) Approve for introduction the accompanying ordinance (Attachment C) amending section 3.38.040 of the Los Angeles County Code to establish a new sunset review date, of January 1, 2010, for the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.
- 6) Approve for introduction the accompanying ordinance (Attachment D) amending section 3.32.050 of the Los Angeles County Code to establish a new sunset review date, of January 1, 2010, for the Hospitals and Health Care Delivery Commission.
- 7) Approve a new sunset review date, of January 1, 2010, for the Parks and Recreation Commission and direct the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors to revise related documentation to reflect the new sunset review date.
- 8) Approve for introduction the accompanying ordinance (Attachment E) amending section 3.54.100 of the Los Angeles County Code to establish a new sunset review date, of January 1, 2010, for the Public Health Commission.
- 9) Approve for introduction the accompanying ordinance (Attachment F) amending section 3.22.100 of the Los Angeles County Code to establish a new sunset review date, of January 1, 2010, for the Emergency Preparedness Commission.
- 10) Approve for introduction the accompanying ordinance (Attachment G) amending section 3.13.140 of the Los Angeles County Code to establish a new sunset review date, of July 31, 2011, for the Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In 2007, the Audit Committee granted one-year sunset review date extensions for five Commissions, and the Auditor-Controller postponed four sunset reviews pending completion of the Commission study by Arroyo Associates, Inc. (Arroyo). On June 9, 2009, your Board received and filed Arroyo's report and also approved the Chief Executive Officer's recommendation directing the Auditor-Controller and the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors to resume all commission and committee sunset reviews.

As a result of the time that has passed since the previous extensions were approved and the delays in resuming sunset reviews because of the Arroyo study, the sunset review dates for some Commissions have expired. Extending the sunset review dates for these nine Commissions will allow sufficient time for the Auditor-Controller and the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors to resume sunset reviews as recommended by the CEO and approved by your Board. As a result, we recommend to your Board the following sunset review dates for the following Commissions:

September 1, 2009

1. Commission for Women
2. Commission on Judicial Procedures
3. Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Services

January 1, 2010

1. Los Angeles County Arts Commission
2. Hospitals and Health Care Delivery Commission
3. Parks and Recreation Commission
4. Public Health Commission
5. Emergency Preparedness Commission

July 31, 2011

1. Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Extending the sunset review date for these Commissions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 3 (Community and Municipal Services). The nine Commissions support and enrich the County's diverse communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

None anticipated.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The nine commissions referenced in this letter have passed their respective sunset dates; consequently, their activities to date need to be ratified and their sunset dates extended.

Eight of the nine commissions listed in the recommendations are advisory commissions established by County ordinance; of those, seven have sunset dates which are set forth in the Los Angeles County Code. Specifically, those commissions are: (1) the Commission for Women, (2) the Commission on Judicial Procedures, (3) the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, (4) the Hospitals and Health Care Delivery Commission, (5) the Public Health Commission, (6) the Emergency Preparedness Commission, and (7) the Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission. Extending the sunset review dates for those seven commissions necessarily involves amending the various ordinances to reflect the new sunset review dates. Consequently, it is recommended that your Board approve for introduction seven ordinances in order that the County Code might be appropriately amended. County sunset provisions are worded in various ways. Some cause the authorizing chapter to expire when a certain date is reached while others expressly set a sunset review date. To foster uniformity and greater clarity, the ordinances, once amended, will expressly set sunset review dates.

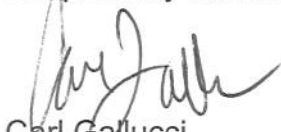
The Parks and Recreation Commission is also an advisory commission set forth in the Los Angeles County Code whose sunset review is established by Board order. As a result, it is recommended that your Board approve the revised sunset date and direct the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors to revise the commission's fact sheet to reflect its new sunset review date.

The Los Angeles Commission on Local Governmental Services is a multijurisdictional committee in which County appointed members participate along with persons appointed by other jurisdictions. Consequently, this commission's sunset review is a date by which the County reviews its participation in the committee. The sunset date is established by Board order. As a result, it is recommended that your Board approve and direct the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors to revise the County's commission-related documentation to reflect its new sunset review date.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The nine Commissions' objectives will be to continue their mission, in service to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the communities they represent. Failure to extend the sunset reviews may result in the dissolution of these commissions and the loss or reduction of the services provided to County constituents on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair, Audit Committee

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Attachments

c: Chief Executive Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Acting County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Interim Director, Dept. of Health Services
Director, Dept. of Parks & Recreation
Director, Dept. of Public Health